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Applicants: Kazuki Honda et al.
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Title: ELECTRO-ACOUSTIC CONVERTER AND
ELECTRONIC DEVICE USING THE SAME
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO/SB/08a submitted herewith. A copy of each reference listed on the PTO/SB/08a, other than U.S. patents, is enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

The attached references were cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. MPEP Section 609.04(a)III, second paragraph.

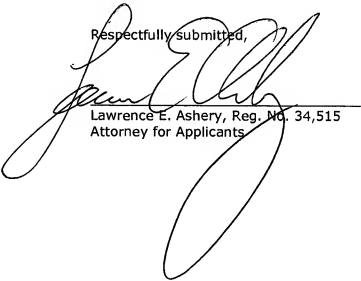
Please note that reference EP 1 120 991 A2 is a counterpart application of U.S. Publication No. 2001/0009585 A1. Reference EP 1 146 773 A2 is a counterpart application of U.S. Publication No. 2001/0028303 A1. Reference WO 00/59263 is a counterpart application of U.S. Patent No. 6,671,384 B1.

More than three months have elapsed since the filing of the above-referenced application and a first (non-Final) Official Action has been received. No Final Action or Notice of Allowance has yet been received and it is presumed that none has yet been mailed. Accordingly, as more specifically indicated below, a statement as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) is provided herewith.

STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby states that each item of information disclosed in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

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Enclosures: PTO/SB/08a
(3) References

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